Losses incurred by Rural Electrification Corporation

3647. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concerned States were to subsidise losses, if any, incurred by Rural Electrification Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the States are fulfilling their commitments; and

(c) if not, whether the Central Government will interfere into the matter to get the losses subsidised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Rural Electrification Corporation extends financial assistance to State Governments/State Electricity Boards for rural electrification progammes. It is not incurring any losses and, therefore, the question of subsidising losses does not arise.

Setting up of power plants by NTPC and NHEPC

3648. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of power plants proposed to be set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation in the near future; and

(b) what will be the projected project outlay and by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of the power plants proposed to be set up in the near future by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation including their estimated cost and likely commissioning schedules, are given in the annexure. [See Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 129.]

Total turnover of the proposed refinery in Assam

3649. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the total turnover of the proposed refinery in Assam for every million tonne of crude oil processed on the basis of projected product pattern; and

(b) how much out of the same, based on current price concept would accrue to the Central Government as duties; others surrenders and income-tax and to the oil company as profit before interest and dividend and to the State Government considering that no sales tax will be payable on products despatched out of Assam on stock transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) It would normally take 5 years for a refinery project to be completed and become fully operational from the date of the investment decision. The turnover of any refinery would depend upon the process configuration and the capacity utilisation at that point of time. It is, therefore, too early to estimate either the turnover or the other incomes accruing to the State and the Central Governments.

Profit/loss accounts of the bicycle units in public and private sectors

3650. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector bicycle manufacturing units in Bombay area was losing about Rs. 400 per cycle produced while the Sen Raleigh, a nationalised unit in Asansol was losing about Rs. 300 per cycle and also that at the Asansol